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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR

WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM AGENCIES

Wednesday, February 8, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.

Byron Sher Auditorium – Second Floor

Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Building

1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will conduct a public hearing on **Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Byron Sher Auditorium in the Cal/EPA Building in Sacramento to receive comments on draft statewide general waste discharge requirements (WDRs) and a monitoring and reporting program. This draft WDR and reporting program addresses SSO reporting and proper collection system management and operation necessary to protect public health, water quality, and the public's investment in the sewer system infrastructure.

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board adopted Resolution 2004-80, requiring staff to work with stakeholders in developing a regulatory program that will provide a consistent approach for reducing SSOs. Over the past several months, State Water Board staff has worked with a statewide SSO Guidance Committee composed of representatives from the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards), county environmental health departments, environmental groups, U.S. EPA, local public collection system owners, and other collection system experts. The SSO Guidance Committee has been instrumental in the development of this SSO Reduction Program.

As a result of this collaboration, State Water Board staff has developed the following documents, which staff believes are necessary for the successful implementation of the SSO Reduction Program:

- Draft Statewide General WDRs for Wastewater Collection System Agencies;
- Draft Monitoring and Reporting Program; and
- Draft Fact Sheet for the Draft Statewide General WDRs

These documents, along with this public hearing notice, are available on the State Water Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ss0>.



SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board encourages all interested persons to submit written comments. The State Water Board **must receive all written comments no later than 5:00 p.m., January 25, 2006**. Comments will be accepted by regular mail, email, or fax. At the public hearing, all persons who submitted written comments are requested to briefly summarize their written comments. The State Water Board will also accept oral comments at the hearing. Time limitations on presentations may be imposed in order to allow all participants an opportunity to address the State Water Board. Persons with similar views are encouraged to make joint presentations.

The State Water Board will not take action on the draft WDRs and monitoring and reporting program at the hearing. Final action will be taken at a later date at a scheduled board meeting, and all interested persons will be notified of the meeting date. The State Water Board will consider all comments before taking final action on the proposed Statewide General WDR for Wastewater Collection System Agencies and monitoring and reporting program.

When submitting written comments, please indicate in the subject line, "COMMENT LETTER - 1/19/06 PUBLIC HEARING FOR SSORP." If you have specific questions about the proposed SSO Reduction Program, contact Bryan Brock via e-mail at bbrock@waterboards.ca.gov or call (916) 341-5276.

Written comments should be submitted to:

Selica Potter, Acting Clerk to the Board
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Email: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov

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December 7, 2005
Date



Selica Potter
Acting Clerk to the Board

